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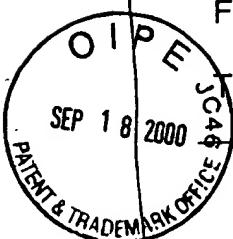
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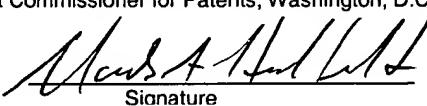
Title:

MULTIMEDIA DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE DEVICE AND
FORMATTING METHOD



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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 29. (Once amended) A direct access storage device for buffering at least a chronological portion of a multimedia program defined by non-chronologically ordered source program segments, each of the source program segments being representative of a unique portion of the chronological multimedia program portion, the direct access storage device comprising:

at least one data storage disk having a plurality of data storing regions disposed on any of a lower disk surface and an upper disk surface;

a spindle motor for rotating the at least one data storage disk;

a[n] common actuator having elongated arms;